

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/21/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4, 8-11 and 15-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 June 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William J. Kolegraff(Registration# 41,125) on 10/25/2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

PLEASE CANCEL CLAIMS 1-3, 5-7, 12-14.

PLEASE CHANGE THE FOLLOWING TO CLAIM 4, LINES 8-19:

code are used for communications with the communication station, [[and]]

means for identifying the signal points of consecutively transmitted symbols in the decoded data and recognizing a change in the rate of data transmission when the signal points of consecutively transmitted signal points are not correlated, and

wherein (a) two consecutive symbols p_i and p_{i+1} are decoded at a first symbol rate when the data is decoded, (b) if both symbols p_i and p_{i+1} are considered valid, both symbols p_i and p_{i+1} are decoded to determine whether they are correlated; (c) if the symbols p_i and p_{i+1} are not correlated, then the first symbols are not correlated, then the first symbol p_i is output and the symbols p_{i+1} and a following symbol p_{i+2} are decoded; and (d) if both symbols p_{i+1} and p_{i+2} are considered valid, designating the symbols p_{i+1} and p_{i+2} as the symbols p_i and p_{i+1} and repeating steps (b), (c) and (d), unless consecutive symbols are correlated;

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PLEASE CHANGE THE FOLLOWING TO CLAIM 8, LINE 1:

The communication station of claim [[7]]4, wherein (e) if the

PLEASE CHANGE THE FOLLOWING TO CLAIM 9, LINE 1:

The communication station of claim [[7]]4, wherein if the symbol p_{t+1} is

PLEASE CHANGE THE FOLLOWING TO CLAIM 10, LINE 1:

The communication station of claim [[7]]4, wherein if the symbol p_{t+1} is

PLEASE CHANGE THE FOLLOWING TO CLAIM 11, LINES 9:

station, [[and]]

a detector which identifies the signal points of consecutively transmitted symbols
In the decoded data and recognizes a change in the rate of data transmission when the
signal points of consecutively transmitted signal points are not correlated, and

wherein (a) two consecutive symbols p_t and p_{t+1} are decoded at a first
symbol rate when the data is decoded, (b) if both symbols p_t and p_{t+1} are
considered valid, both symbols p_t and p_{t+1} are decoded to determine whether they
are correlated; (c) if the symbols p_t and p_{t+1} are not correlated, then the first
symbols are not correlated, then the first symbol p_t is output and the symbols p_{t+1}
and a following symbol p_{t+2} are decoded; and (d) if both symbols p_{t+1} and p_{t+2} are
considered valid, designating the symbols p_{t+1} and p_{t+2} as the symbols p_t and p_{t+1}
and repeating steps (b), (c) and (d), unless consecutive symbols are correlated.

PLEASE CHANGE THE FOLLOWING TO CLAIM 15, LINE 1:

The communication station of claim [[14]]11, wherein (e) if the

PLEASE CHANGE THE FOLLOWING TO CLAIM 16, LINE 1:

The communication station of claim [[14]]11, wherein if the symbol p_{t+1} is

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PLEASE CHANGE THE FOLLOWING TO CLAIM 17, LINE 1:

The communication station of claim ~~[[14]]11~~, wherein if the symbol p_{t+1} is


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry Vartanian whose telephone number is 571.272.3048. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00-6:30 Mondays to Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571.272.3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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